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Applicant: Holger HAUPTMANN et al. Conf.: 6560  
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For: METHOD FOR DIMENSIONALLY SINTERING CERAMICS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

May 17, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 1, 2002, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to June 1, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process for the dimensionally-true sintering of ceramic pre-shaped items, said process comprising  
resting a firing material during the sintering on supports not coated with metal or consisting of metal molten at the sinter temperature, which adapt independently to the shrinkage dimensions which occur during the firing process or allow a contact-free support of the pre-shaped items.